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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated July 14, 2006 ("Final Office Action") in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants amended certain claims to correct dependency and clarify the antecedent basis for certain elements. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1, 3-21, and 23-26 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

The amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7.